

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, November 30th, 1989,
at 10:00 a.m., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present: J.N. Lightstone (Chair), P. Albert,
B. MacKay, J. Segovia, M.N.S. Swamy,
U. de Brentani, D. Gold, K. Lipke,
S. Sankar, D. Ginter, E. Doedel,
M. Lefebvre, A. Williams,
M. Chiasson (Secretary)

Absent with regrets: V.V. Baba, C. Apostolakos, G. Mergen

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE -

In advance:

SRC-89-10-05-D76 ISSUES FOR STUDY OR ACTION BY THE SENATE
RESEARCH COMMITTEE 1989-90

SRC-89-10-05-D84 ARTS & SCIENCE PROPOSALS FOR AN ENHANCED
RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT (presented by D. Ginter)

At the meeting:

SRC-89-11-30-D85 IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS: ENHANCING THE
DISSEMINATION OF CONCORDIA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AS A LOCUS OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY
(presented by U. de Brentani)

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m..

Before beginning formal proceedings, the Chair introduced the two newly-appointed Faculty Members at Large, Dr. D. Ginter of the Department of History and Dr. E. Doedel of the Department of Computer Science, as well as Dr. S. Sankar of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Director of CONCAVE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 1.1 As there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting, they were approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 2.1 The Chair informed members that at the November 3rd, 1989, Senate meeting, the resolutions to establish a Faculty Research Development Programme were unanimously approved "in fact".

UPDATE ON FRDP

- 3.1 Following Senate's approval of the establishment of the FRDP, Dr. Sheinin will incorporate it into the Vice-Rector (Academic) 1990-91 budget.
- 3.2 The Chair added that in his request to Dr. Sheinin, he requested a budget sufficient to allow the FRDP "Start-Up" Research Grants to be announced in the Spring of 1990, and disbursed June 1st, 1990, and the "Targetted" Research Grants to be announced in the Fall of 1990 with the funds being disbursed November 1st, 1990.
- 3.3 The Chair announced that he will attend the next University Budget Committee's meeting on December 15th, 1989, and press for optimum funding for the FRDP.
- 3.4 With reference to Document SRC-89-10-05-D78, Dr. Segovia expressed concern regarding the mandate and the administrative structure of the FRDP panel. He felt that:
1) the "rules of the game" should be more clearly spelled out; and that 2) extensive consultation with each faculty should be ensured.

UPDATE ON PROCEDURES FOR FORMALLY RECOGNIZING RESEARCH CENTRES

- 4.1 The Chair stated that due to the fact that the Academic Programs Committee is involved with the same task vis-a-vis reviewing procedures for approving academic programs, Dr. Sheinin will review documents submitted by both the APC and SRC, so as to formulate one global framework for dealing with this issue.

MANDATE OF SRC FOR NEXT SEVERAL YEARS
(RE: DOCUMENT SRC-89-10-05-D76)

- 5.1 Since it is not to be assumed that sciences and engineering are 'benchmarks' for assessing productivity in the humanities, arts and social sciences, the Chair stated that the last clause in Item 6 of D76, should be revised to read "consideration of means ... in relation to one another."
- 5.2 In preparation for the next meeting, the Chair asked the following members to address items in the document:
- J. Segovia - Item 3
 - D. Gold - Items 5 and 6
 - B. MacKay - Item 10
- The Chair will deal with Items 1 and 2. The remaining items will be considered at a later date.
- 5.3 Audrey Williams reported on the information meeting held in Ottawa on November 22nd, 1989, regarding the networks of Centres of Excellence, particularly the management and funding of these Centres. At this meeting, it was reported that two other NCE proposals were listed as "should fund". Ottawa is presently looking for funding sources. One of these proposals, "Promoting Independence and Productivity in an Aging Society" includes Concordia researchers from the Department of Psychology.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair tentatively scheduled the next Senate Research Committee meeting for Thursday, January 25th, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. in BC-110.

Please note that Document SRC-89-11-30-D85, IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS: ENHANCING THE DISSEMINATION OF CONCORDIA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A LOCUS OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY, was numbered after distribution. Please number the document accordingly so as to prevent confusion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m..